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| In re Patent Application of     | ) | <b>MAIL STOP AMENDMENT</b>  |
| Regine Hakenbeck                | ) |                             |
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**Amendment and Reply**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 3, 2006, which sets forth a requirement for restriction, Applicants make an election, set forth in the remarks below, and traverse the requirement for restriction in part.

In addition, prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: